

Frequently Asked Questions – For Contractors

Q. How do I become a certified methamphetamine cleanup contractor?

A. Perform the following to gain certification;

1. Register with the cabinet. Submit the following form, 6079A METH Contractor Application
2. The applicant must provide a certificate of liability insurance issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in Kentucky certifying that the applicant has a public liability insurance policy in an amount of \$250,000. This is for personal or property damage that might occur to third parties arising from the performance of decontamination services for inhabitable properties by the contractor as his or her employee or agents. In the event the insurance policy lapses, the applicant must provide a suitable replacement policy prior to the expiration of the existing policy. The cabinet requests that it be named as the certificate holder.
3. The applicant must provide financial assurance in the amount of \$100,000 to decontaminate properties assigned Tier 1, 2 or 3 or \$250,000 to decontaminate properties assigned as a Tier 4 contaminations. Provide an original 6079B Surety Bond or 6079C Irrevocable Letter of Credit or 6079E Escrow Agreement or 6079F Financial Test or 6079G Corporate Guarantee along with a 6079D Performance Agreement with no additions, deletions or alterations of the language. If mistakes are made please strike through and initial.
4. A 6079D Performance Agreement must be signed and submitted by the registrant, which binds either the 6079B Surety Bond or 6079C Irrevocable Letter of Credit or 6079E Escrow Agreement or 6079F Financial Test or 6079G Corporate Guarantee with the cabinet.
5. Provide a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) - current training certificates that are applicable to this type of decontamination activity. At a minimum you or your company should have individuals with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 40-hour Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response Operations (HAZWOPER) certification. The [Kentucky Office of Occupational Safety and Health](#) (KyOSH) considers employers whose employees perform decontamination and/or cleanup work of former methamphetamine laboratories to fall under the scope of the requiring HAZWOPER certification. This determination is supported by the provisions of [29 CFR 1926.65\(a\)\(1\)](#) and [29 CFR 1926.65\(a\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#).
6. Certify that decontamination will be performed safely and in accordance with [803 KAR 2:403](#) and each cleanup conducted meets the requirements as provided in the [Kentucky Methamphetamine Lab Decontamination Guidance For Inhabitable Properties](#) 2008* currently under revision.

Upon registration, the cabinet shall either accept or deny the contractor's certification. The cabinet may revoke the certification of any contractor for cause and may collect the forfeited financial assurance of any contractor found to be in violation of [KRS 224.01-410](#). Within 30 days, you must also report any changes in your registration information with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management such as address, financial assurance and/or liability insurance changes. Forfeited financial assurance may be used by the cabinet to decontaminate inhabitable properties. EEC reserves the right to use a third-party contractor to verify decontamination services of any property as it deems necessary. Failure to comply fully with the requirements of this certification and [KRS 224.01-410](#) and [803 KAR 2:403](#) may result in the immediate revocation of your certification by the KDWM.

Q. What information should go into my Statement of Qualification (SOQ)?

A. Your **SOQ** should include the qualifications and training of the personnel who will be providing contamination services on meth lab sites. Remember that a CML cleanup is often too big and too dangerous a job for one person to do alone. Explain your business plan from the standpoint of who will supervise cleanups, who will do testing, who will keep track of each person's training/credentials. Document your company's experience with environmental cleanups (hazardous wastes, biohazards, asbestos, mold, etc.).

Q. Why must I submit financial assurance to become registered as a certified clean up contractor?

A. Financial assurance is required by KRS 224.01-410. The cabinet may revoke the certification of any contractor for cause and may collect the forfeited financial assurance of any contractor found to be in violation of this statute. Forfeited financial assurance may be used by the cabinet to decontaminate inhabitable properties.

Q. **What training is required to become certified?**

A. [\(OSHA\) 40-hour HAZWOPER Training](#): - This course meets the training requirements of the HAZWOPER regulation, KyOSH considers employers whose employees perform decontamination / clean-up work of former illegal methamphetamine laboratories to fall under the scope of the HAZWOPER standard. This determination is supported by the provisions of 1926.65(a) (1) and (a) (1) (iii). EPPC recommends training on the cleanup of methamphetamine-affected properties be obtained but this is not required at this time.

Methamphetamine Cleanup training is not required at this time for certification but strongly encouraged that certified contractors seek out this type of training

Q. **What is HAZWOPER?**

A. This is the OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response course (1910.120(a)(1)(i-v) and 1926.65(a)(1)(i-v)). It is a 40-hour course teaching the concepts of personal protective equipment, chemical hygiene, respirator usage, chemical toxicity, and many other concepts important to people who work with hazardous wastes. This course is an OSHA requirement for people working on methamphetamine laboratories or in any hazardous waste environment

Q. **Who do I contact for HAZWOPER training?**

A. [The Hazardous Materials Incident Response Operations Cincinnati State Technical and Community College](#)

[Hazardous Materials Training Center at the University of Louisville](#)
502-852-5658

[MSU OSHTC](#)

Department of Occupational Safety and Health
157 Industry and Technology Center
Murray, KY 42071-3347
Telephone: (270) 809-3385
E-mail: oshtc@murraystate.edu

[OAI Inc.](#) Contact: Jeff Garris, email at jgarris@oaiinc.org

Mirotech - Health and Safety Consulting "Specialist in OSHA, EPA and DOT training programs
Bob Prewitt email at mirotech@dcrr.net

KY Pollution Prevention Center's List of Environmental Consultants who specialize in different fields which is included below.

<http://www.kppc.org/Publications/Print%20Materials/Consultants/>

Q. **Who do I contact for specialized Meth Cleanup training?**

A. **[MethResources.gov](#)**
[Training and Technical Assistance](#)

[The University of Tennessee Center For Industrial Services](#) holds classes on the cleanup of methamphetamine-affected properties. The telephone number is 1-800-424-3905. Other training may be considered equivalent. This would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Forensic Applications Consulting Technologies, Inc.
www.forensic-applications.com/meth/meth.html